

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 044

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND
EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR WATER RIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS:

- The State Board wishes to delegate authority to execute, negotiate and amend environmental services contracts for the preparation of environmental documents to the Executive Director or his designee.
2. The Division of Water Rights has a backlog of applications for new water rights and petitions requesting changes in existing water rights.
 3. The Division of Water Rights does not have sufficient staff resources to complete the required environmental documents for timely processing of water right applications and petitions.
 4. The Division's proposal for reducing the water rights backlog includes an integrated approach of the additional contract resources contained in this resolution and shifting more financial responsibility for the preparation of necessary technical and environmental documents to the water right applicants and petitioners.
 5. The Division has begun to address the problem with a \$199,880 contract for preparing environmental documents during Fiscal Year 2000-01.
 6. Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 in General Funds is contained in the Fiscal Year 2001-02 budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- That the SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate, execute and amend for, and on behalf of, the State Board, a contract, not to exceed \$1,000,000, with a contractor to be selected through the RFP process for water rights environmental services for preparation of environmental documents.
2. That the contractor retained shall prepare administrative drafts at the direction of the State Board and the State Board shall independently review and analyze the adequacy of any final environmental documentation.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 26, 2001.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board